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Office Action Summary

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YASUFUKU ET AL.

Examiner

Truc T. T. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 11, 15-17, 20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5, 7-10, 12-14, 19, 22-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2, 6, 11, 15-17 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng et al. (US 5,901,038).

Regarding claims 1-2, 6, 15, Cheng disclose a connector (105, Figure 2) comprising:

a housing having a main body (200) and a pair of arms (115);

group of contacts (120);

a first ventilation opening (an open area defined by legs 110 and the main body 200, see Figure 1) is disposed under the main body provides air to flow between the mother board and the electronic module (140);

a second ventilation openings in the form of a channel (an open area defined by legs 110 and the arm 115, see Figure 1) are disposed under the pair of arms and enable air to flow between the mother board and the electronic module;

a wall member (110) are provided under the pair of arm.

Cheng et al. substantially disclose the claimed invention except the electronic module having electrical conductive pads to connect to the contacts of the connector. It would have been

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an matter of design choice by not using contact pads in the electronic module, since the operation of the electrical engagement of between the electronic module and the connector is still the same.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 11, 15-17, and 20-21, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3-5, 7-10, 12-14, 19, and 22-24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding claims 3, 10, and 22-24, the prior art of record fails to teach a rectifying means has an opening to take in air.

Regarding claim 4, the prior art of record fails to teach supporting means provided at an ends of the pair of arms for an end of the electronic module to rest on.

Regarding claim 5, the prior art of record fails to teach the second ventilation means has a configuration to extend in opening toward outside.

Regarding claims 7-9 and 18, the prior art of record fails to teach attachment portions are formed at front and rear portions of the pair of arms to interconnected pair of arms of two or more adjacent connectors.

Regarding claim 12, the prior art of record fails to teach a closure means to close space between the front contact and rear contacts.

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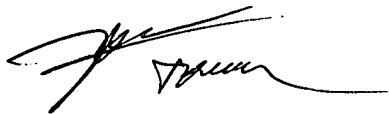
Regarding claims 13-14, the prior art of record fails to teach a dustproof means provided at the front and rear contacts.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T. T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-306-4004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 703-308-2319. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 for regular communications and 703-308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Nguyen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

T. Nguyen
September 21, 2003